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WSDOT Construction Activity & Possible Delays/April 8-19, 2004

NEW!! US 2-Division Street/Houston Ave. to the “Y” and Newport Highway/ the “Y” to Center Road (MP 291-296)-On Tuesday, Wednesday, and possibly Thursday (April 13-15), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., WSDOT Engineering crews will be taking pavement “core” samples on North Division and the Newport Highway on Spokane’s north side. Motorists may see intermittent short lane restrictions at various locations in this area. Possible short delays.

I-90/Tokio to the Lincoln County Line (MP 231-239)-Work is underway on this resurfacing project in northeastern Adams County. The job limits are from the Tokio Interchange to the vicinity of the Sprague Lake Rest Area. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit is reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. Pavement grinding is also on the schedule. Motorcyclists need to use extreme caution when driving on grooved pavement.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Adams County Line to Spokane County Line (MP 239-255)- Work is getting underway on this resurfacing project in southeast Lincoln County. The project limits from the vicinity of the Sprague Lake Rest Area to the Fishtrap interchange. On the schedule is earthwork. Motorists should expect eastbound and/or westbound lane restrictions. Note: The legal speed limit will be reduced to 55 mph when lane restrictions are in place. These speed limit changes will be noted by signage when in effect. In addition, on some days, rock blasting will be underway in some locations between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. Traffic on I-90 will be stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes when blasting operations are underway. This project is very similar to the work on the project immediately adjacent to the west (noted above).

NEW!! I-90 Eastbound/Latah Bridge to Maple Street (MP 280)-On Monday, April 12th beginning at about 9:00 a.m., WSDOT Maintenance crews will be removing an overhead sign on eastbound I-90 near downtown Spokane. Work may take up to 5 hours to complete. The left lane will be closed. Motorists should expect slower traffic and possible congestion.

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Weekly Update

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NEW!! HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Variable Message Sign (MP 284)-Installation of an electronic variable message sign in the vicinity of Havana Street will require two short freeway closures.

- On Thursday, April 15 at about 11:00 p.m., eastbound and westbound I-90 between Thor/Freya Sts. and Sprague Ave. will be closed for about one hour while crews install the support structure across the full width of the freeway. Traffic will be detoured via Third Ave. (eastbound) and Sprague Ave. (westbound).
- On Monday, April 19, at about 11:30 p.m., eastbound I-90 between Thor/Freya Sts. and Sprague Ave. will be closed for about one hour while crews install the support structure across the full width of the freeway. Traffic will be detoured via Third Ave.
- There will also be freeway lane restrictions before and after these two closures. In addition, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 13 and 14, Fourth Avenue near Custer Street will be reduced to one lane while crews assemble the sign structure.

HIGH IMPACT!! I-90/Argonne to Sullivan (MP 287-292)- I-90 in the Spokane Valley is now in a long-term traffic configuration. Travel lanes are 11 feet wide. Inside and outside shoulders will be 2 feet wide with concrete barriers in place. On-ramp merging distance is reduced. The eastbound Evergreen on-ramp is closed. Motorists need to be extremely alert within this work zone. Lanes and shoulders are narrow and on-ramp merging distances are reduced.

SR 21/Clark Street in Republic (MP 303)-City street work has resumed in this Ferry County community. This is a City of Republic project. Contact (509) 775-2929.

SR 27/Grand Avenue in Pullman (MP 0-1)-Sewer work is underway between Harms Rd. and Fairmont Rd. Motorists should expect single lane traffic directed by flaggers during daytime hours. This is a City of Pullman project.

SR 127/Central Ferry to Church Hill Rd. (MP 10-18)-Work on this resurfacing project in south Whitman County is underway with guardrail and earthwork, especially in the vicinity of the Central Ferry port terminal. Possible lane restrictions and short delays. In addition, Pioneer Telephone Company is now working on fiber line placement along the same roadway this week. Motorists may experience short delays.

US 395-North Spokane Corridor/Farwell Road Lowering and Bridges-Work is underway on this component of the new freeway facility near Mead, north of Spokane. Utility relocation and detour construction work is underway. Motorists on Farwell may experience some delays and there may be times when Farwell is reduced to one lane with flaggers directing traffic. No main highway traffic impacts. The short section of Shady Slope Rd. between US 2 (Newport Highway) and Farwell Rd. is now closed for the duration of this project. Motorists should use the US 2/Farwell intersection, just to the west, as an alternate. The Farwell Road detour route should be completed mid-week and traffic will be moved over.

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